



**STATE OF NEVADA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

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**Wednesday, January 12, 2005
9:30 a.m.**

**Desert Research Institute
Northern Nevada Science Center
2215 Raggio Parkway, Room A
Reno, Nevada 89511**

and, via videoconference:

**Desert Research Institute
Southern Nevada Science Center
755 E. Flamingo Road, Room #182
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119**

MINUTES

These minutes constitute a summary of the above proceedings of the Nevada Commission on Ethics.
A verbatim transcript of the open session proceedings, prepared by a certified court reporter,
is available for inspection at the Commission offices.

Commission Members Present (DRI - Reno):
Rick Hsu, Esq., Chairman; Caren Jenkins, Esq., Vice Chairman;
George Keele, Esq.

Commission Members Present (DRI – Las Vegas):
Timothy Cashman; William Flangas, P.E.;
Mark Hutchison, Esq.

Commission Members Absent:
Merle Berman; Jim Kosinski, Esq.

Commission on Ethics Staff Present:
Stacy M. Jennings, Executive Director;
Emily H. Nunez, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Hsu called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m., Wednesday, January 12, 2005.

Agenda Item 1 – Open Session to approve the Minutes of October 13, 2004 Commission Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2004 was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 – Open session for Report of the Executive Director

The Executive Director updated the Commission regarding the agency budget submission to the 2005 Nevada Legislature, relocation of the Carson City office in February, current agency performance measures, and recent results of the Legislative Counsel Bureau audit which reported no recommendations or findings relating to the administration of the Commission.

Agenda Item 3 – Open session for Report of Commission Counsel

Commission Counsel was not present to report.

Agenda Item 4 – Open session for discussion regarding potential changes to the ethics laws pending before the 2005 Nevada Legislature.

The Executive Director provided information on the bill drafts regarding ethics that she is monitoring and will be providing testimony on at the legislature. Commissioners Flangas and Keele provided written materials in which they would like the commission to consider for the bill drafts. Commissioner Cashman moved that the commission staff further investigate the prohibitions of commissioners who serve on a panel being prohibited from sitting on the full commission during a hearing, and that the rationale and logic be brought forward to the next commission meeting so that a determination can be made at that time. Commissioner Hutchison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 – Open session for public comment.

No public comment was made.

Chairman Hsu adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

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Emily H. Nunez
Administrative Assistant

Rick Hsu, Esq.
Chairman